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TREASURY FOR JEFFREY LEVINE

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SUBJECT: HAITI ELECTIONS: PROVINCES DID NOT GIVE PREVAL A
MAJORITY

¶1. (SBU) SUMMARY: While Presidential front-runner Rene Preval holds a clear majority in the West department and a very slight majority in the Southeast, he has not established a majority in the remaining eight departments. However, he is leading in all departments except the Northwest, where he is in second place. While clearly the choice of Port-au-Prince, Preval has not received a mandate from the provinces. The dwindling of Preval's lead over the past week is due to the delay in receiving and processing returns from the provinces. END SUMMARY.

¶2. (U) The following are the percentage results for the top five candidates and blank ballots by department as of February 13, per the website of the Provisional Electoral Council:

NORTHWEST: 98,131 votes counted, 86 percent

1) Luc Fleurinord - 25.00
2) Rene Preval - 22.16
3) Lesly Manigat - 18.06
4) Charles Henri Baker - 9.63
5) Paul Denis - 5.78
BLANK - 4.27

NORTH: 180,324 votes counted, 92 percent

1) Rene Preval - 46.59
2) Charles Henri Baker - 18.99
3) Lesly Manigat - 4.92
4) Evans Paul - 4.55
5) Paul Denis - 3.96
BLANK - 4.86

NORTHEAST: 71,841 votes counted, 94 percent

1) Rene Preval - 36.53
2) Charles Henri Baker - 13.86
3) Evans Paul - 8.97
4) Serge Gilles - 7.34
5) Guy Philippe - 6.05
BLANK - 7.18

CENTRAL PLATEAU - 108,821 votes counted, 94.5 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 33.99
2) - Charles Henri Baker - 16.84
3) - Lesly Manigat - 11.76
4) - Serge Gilles - 8.49
5) - Evans Paul - 2.77
BLANK - 9.10

ARTIBONITE - 226,838 votes counted, 87 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 46.07
2) - Lesly Manigat - 15.60
3) - Luc Mesadieu - 12.17
4) - Charles Henri Baker - 6.61
5) - Serge Gilles - 2.33
BLANK - 4.78

WEST - 754,687 votes counted, 89.6 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 60.84
2) - Lesly Manigat - 13.95
3) - Jean Chavannes Jeune - 5.06
4) - Charles Henri Baker - 4.92
5) - Luc Mesadieu - 2.17
BLANK - 2.79

NIPPES - 59,396 votes counted, 87 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 38.76
2) - Jean Chavannes Jeune - 13.67
3) - Lesly Manigat - 10.67
4) - Paul Denis - 5.16
5) - Charles Henri Baker - 3.84

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GRANDE ANSE - 82,557 votes counted, 88.9 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 34.94
2) - Guy Philippe - 12.35
3) - Jean Chavannes Jeune - 10.41
4) - Serge Gilles - 7.21
5) - Lesly Manigat - 6.73
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SOUTH - 143,271 votes counted, 91.5 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 38.75
2) - Jean Chavannes Jeune - 24.04
3) - Lesly Manigat - 7.85
4) - Charles Henri Baker - 4.80
5) - Paul Denis - 4.24
BLANK - 5.78

SOUTHEAST - 99,189 votes counted, 92.5 percent

1) - Rene Preval - 50.37
2) - Lesly Manigat - 9.33
3) - Charles Henri Baker - 8.29
4) - Paul Denis - 4.84
5) - Serge Gilles - 3.57
BLANK - 6.63
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